

Attorney Docket No. A-69071/RFT/469/190-00005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Richard F. Hammen et al

Serial No. 09/808,732

Filed: March 14, 2001

For: COMPOSITE MATRICES WITH

INTERSTITIAL FUNCTIONAL

POLYMER NETWORKS

Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Box Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks together with a Petition for Extension of Time for three months to April 16, 2003 and the requisite fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A matrix comprising solid space and interstitial space wherein said interstitial space comprises an interstitial polymer network comprising a functional group comprising a member of a binding pair.

Please delete claims 9-11.



12. (Amended) The matrix of claim 26 wherein said reactive moiety comprises a chemical catalyst, an enzyme or a chemical reagent.

Please cancel claims 13-25.